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April 25, 1983

CERTIFIED MAIL Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Robert E. Leininger Assistant Regional Counsel (5C-16) U.S. EPA, Region V 230 S. Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Environmental Conservation and Chemical Corporation (Enviro-Chem)

Dear Mr. Leininger:

This letter is in response to the letter received by American Monitor Corporation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency concerning a request for information regarding Enviro-Chem.

As stated in the letter of April 6, 1983 to your office, American Monitor Corporation does not consider itself to be a responsible party for site clean-up. Despite the fact that we do not believe we are liable under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("Superfund"), if the U.S. EPA will provide to American Monitor Corporation copies of all documents and records relating to American Monitor Corporation made available to the U.S. EPA at the Enviro-Chem facility, American Monitor Corporation will, during normal business hours, permit duly authorized representatives from the U.S. EPA to have access to and to copy American Monitor records that contain facts relating to the Enviro-Chem facility not otherwise available to the U.S. EPA at that facility. This offer of information is, of course, subject to all available claims of confidentiality.



Mr. Robert E. Leininger April 25, 1983 Page two

Enclosed for your reference are copies of the April 6, 1983 letter to your office, Verified Petition, Response of Plaintiff to the Verified Petition, Order Granting Verified Petition, and the Hazardous Waste Manifest for removed materials.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Stevens

Manager, Instrument Compliance

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cc: James G. McIntire Clifford W. Browning KRIEG DEVAULT ALEXANDER & CAPEHART

Enclosures:

- 1. Letter of April 6, 1983
- 2. Verified Petition
- 3. Response of Plaintiff to Verified Petition
- 4. Order Granting Verified Petition
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Re: Environmental Conservation and Chemical Corporation

(Enviro-Chem)

Dear Mr. Leininger:

This letter is in response to the letter received by American Monitor Corporation from the U.S. EPA concerning the Environmental Conservation and Chemical Corporation (Enviro-Chem).

On March 1, 1983 American Monitor Corporation filed a Verified Petition with the Boone County Circuit Court (Cause No. C81-131) seeking to allow the removal of material previously delivered to Enviro-Chem. The Verified Petition was granted on March 24, 1983 after no objections were raised by either the Indiana Environmental Management Board or the Operational and Financial Receiver. On March 25, 1983 pursuant to this order American Monitor Corporation removed 32 leak-proof, Department of Transportation-approved, polypropylene drums containing American Monitor Corporation waste solutions. Prior to removal several visual inspections indicated that there was no leakage or spillage from the drums.

At no time were American Monitor Corporation materials treated or disposed of on the Enviro-Chem site. Materials were always delivered in leak-proof Department of Transportation-approved, polypropylene drums and were staged for immediate re-transport to a third party waste treatment facility located outside the State.

Because American Monitor wastes were not treated or disposed of on site, and materials in leak-proof Department of Transportation polypropylene drums remaining after site closure have now been removed, we believe that American Monitor is not liable under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, popularly known as Superfund), and American Monitor Corporation should no longer be considered a responsible party for site clean-up.

Mr. Robert E. Leininger April 6, 1983 Page two

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Please update your records naming myself as the contact person at American Monitor Corporation.

I am planning to attend the April 13, 1983 meeting in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Stevens

Manager, Instrument Compliance

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cc: Mr. Jonas A. Dikinis U.S. EPA

> James G. McIntire Clifford W. Browning KRIEG DEVAULT ALEXANDER & CAPEHART

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STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF BOONE)

IN THE BOONE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. C81-131 ROOM NO.

INDIANA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BOARD, i

Plaintiff,

vs.

ENVIRO-CHEM CORPORATION, Et Al.,

Defendants.

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CLERK BOONE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

VERIFIED PETITION

Comes now the Petitioner, American Monitor Corporation ("American Monitor"), and for its Verified Petition states as follows:

- 1. American Monitor is a corporation organized and doing business pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, with its principal place of business located at Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2. During the regular course of its business, American Monitor delivered to Enviromental Conservation and Chemical Corporation, formerly known as Enviro-Chem Corporation, (hereinafter "Enviro-Chem") certain waste solutions in leak-proof, Department of Transportation-approved, polypropylene barrels, which were immediately staged for re-transport to a third-party waste-treatment facility located out of the State of Indiana. At no time were the American Monitor waste solutions treated on the Enviro-Chem site.
- 3. As of September 3, 1982, the date on which generators were prohibited from removing drums of wastes from the Enviro-Chem site, there were twenty-seven (27) American Monitor leak-proof, Department of Transportation-approved, polypropylene barrels on the Enviro-Chem site, which barrels were isolated from all other drums on the site and staged for re-transport.
- 4. As of on or about September 30, 1982, a visual inspection of the twenty-seven (27) American Monitor barrels disclosed that

there was no leaking therefrom and that the American Monitor barrels remained isolated, staged, and readily identifiable and distinguishable from all other barrels on the Enviro-Chem site.

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- 5. On or about August 30, 1982, Gary L. Watson, the EnviroChem site Operational and Financial Receiver stated to American
 Monitor through its agent John Stevens that American Monitor
 could remove its barrels from the Enviro-Chem site, provided that
 a staging price could be agreed upon for the barrel removal.
 Mr. Watson suggested that John Stevens discuss such a price with
 an individual named James Wessel. Mr. Wessel subsequently telephoned John Stevens from Mr. Watson's law office and a total
 staging fee of One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$189.00) for all
 twenty-seven (27) of American Monitor's barrels was agreed upon.
 American Monitor made arrangements to have the barrels picked up
 on September 7 or 8, 1982, but they received notice that the EnviroChem site was closed and it could not pick up the twenty-seven (27)
 barrels.
- 6. American Monitor remains ready, willing and able to pick up and properly transport and dispose of its twenty-seven (27) barrels remaining upon the Enviro-Chem site, and remains ready, willing and able to pay to the site's Operational and Financial Receiver the agreed upon staging fee of \$189.00.
- 7. Despite repeated attempts by American Monitor to contact the Enviro-Chem site's Operational and Financial Receiver to coordinate the pick up and disposal of American Monitor's twenty-seven (27) drums remaining on the site, the Operational and Financial Receiver has failed to grant American Monitor approval to remove its barrels from the Enviro-Chem site.
- 8. American Monitor would show this Court that any and all wastes for which it is responsible presently on the Enviro-Chem site are contained in readily identifiable leak-proof, Department of Transportation-approved, polypropylene barrels, which were not

leaking as of on or about September 30, 1982, that American Monitor's wastes were never treated or disposed of upon the Enviro-Chem site, that there was a prior agreement between American Monitor and the Operational and Financial Receiver for the proper transportation and removal from the Enviro-Chem site of all American Monitor's remaining barrels, and that an agreed upon price for removing said barrels had been set between American Monitor and the Operational and Financial Receiver of the Enviro-Chem site, and that American Monitor remains ready, willing and able to cause the safe and proper removal of all of its remaining barrels on the Enviro-Chem site as of this date.

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WHEREFORE, and for the foregoing reasons, American Monitor petitions this Court to order the Operational and Financial Receiver of the Enviro-Chem site to open the gates thereof to permit American Monitor to effectuate the removal of its remaining barrels on the Enviro-Chem site in accordance with the prior agreement between American Monitor and the Operational and Financial Receiver. In the alternative, American Monitor petitions this Court to absolve American Monitor from any and all liability for any and all discharges of American Monitor wastes from their present containers proximately caused by the negligent acts of the agents, officers, employees, assigns and successors-in-interest of the Enviro-Chem Operational and Financial Receiver, the Indiana Environmental Management Board, and generators and transporters who are permitted to operate within the boundaries of the Enviro-Chem site after the date of this Petition.

James G. McIntire

Clifford W. Browning

KRIEG DeVAULT ALEXANDER & CAPEHART 2800 Indiana National Bank Tower One Indiana Square

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 636-4341

Attorneys for American Monitor Corporation

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Exercise Section 1

John D. Stevens, Manager Instrument Compliance American Monitor Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon Gary L. Watson, 124 East Washington Street, Post Office Box 110, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 and Phillip B. Rarick, Deputy Attorney General, Offices of Attorney General, 219 State House, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid this 1983.

Clifford N. Browning

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS:	
COUNTY OF BOONE)	
INDIANA ENVIRONMENTAL)
MANAGEMENT BOARD,	Ş
Plaintiff,	}
v.)
EWITTO CUEW CORPORATION	Ž
ENVIRO-CHEM CORPORATION, et al.,	3
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Defendants.

IN THE BOONE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. C81-131

RESPONSE OF PLAINTIFF TO VERIFIED PETITION BY AMERICAN MONITOR CORPORATION

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Comes now the Indiana Environmental Management Board, by counsel, and in response to the Verified Petition by American Monitor Corporation to remove 27 barrels from the Enviro-Chem Corporation site, requests the Court to take into consideration the following relevant information:

- 1. Plaintiff is diligently pursuing clean up of the Enviro-Chem Corporation site pursuant to one master plan performed by a qualified competent firm, experienced in the clean up and removal of hazardous waste. Pursuant to this goal, on February 24, 1983, the Plaintiff entered into contract with the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Sections 104(a)(1), (b), (c)(2) and (c)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, popularly know as Superfund) 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq. A copy of this contract is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein. A summary of the activity and respective costs to be performed pursuant to this contract is set forth at the last page of the contract titled "Statement of Work."
- 2. The Plaintiff anticipates said contract to be the first of three contracts pursuant to CERCLA to effectuate a comprehensive clean up of the Enviro-Chem Corporation site. By letter of February 18, 1983, from the Regional Administrator for

the Environmental Protection Agency to Mr. Linley E. Pearson,
Attorney General of Indiana, the Environmental Protection Agency
provided the State certain assurances that a comprehensive
clean up pursuant to CERCLA would be pursued and implemented.
A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and
incorporated herein.

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- 3. While pursuing CERCLA funding for the EnviroChem Corporation clean up, the State has also been pursuing
 securing funding from generators with inventory on the site and
 the owners of the Enviro-Chem Corporation site real estate.
 Neither negotiations with said generators nor landowners appear
 near fruition at this time.
- 4. Upon execution of the second CERCLA contract, the Plaintiff anticipates removal of all drums on site will commence approximately July 1, 1983 and be concluded by the end of 1983. Plaintiff believes one drum removal operation, conducted by a qualified and approved contractor, and overseen by a State and Environmental Protection Agency inspector, provides the greatest assurance for an orderly, safe and environmentally secure removal.
- 5. Petitioner appears to claim certain equities favor excepting Petitioner from the Receiver's September 3, 1982 ban restricting any drum removal from the site. Petitioner appears to primarily rely upon an alleged agreement with the Receiver consumated prior to the September 3, 1982 ban. This appears to be a metter solely between the Petitioner and Receiver, therefore Plaintiff takes no position regarding Petitioner's petition.

Respectfully submitted,

LINLEY E. PEARSON Attorney General of Indiana

By: Phillip B Rario

Deputy Aftorney General

Office of Attorney General 219 State House

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Telephone: (317) 232-6195

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing
RESPONSE OF PLAINTIFF TO VERIFIED PETITION BY AMERICAN MONITOR
CORPORATION was served by United States Mail, first class,
postage prepaid on this day of March, 1983 addressed to:

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BOONE CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LEBANON, INDIANA
46052

RONALD E. DRURY

March 18, 1983

TEL: (317) 482-0530

Gary Watson Attorney at Law 124 E. Washington Lebanon, IN 46052

Re:Cause No. C81-131
Indiana Environmental
Management Board v. EnviroChem

Dear Mr. Watson:

Please be advised that on this date the following docket entry was made in the above entitled cause:

"The court grants Verified Petition of American Monitor Corporation filed 3-2-83 unless objection is received from receiver within 7 days (on or before Thursday, March 24, 1983)."

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Drury Judge Boone Circuit Court

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cc: Phil Rarick

Clifford Browning -



ILWD, INC.
7901 West Morris Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46231 317/243-0811

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